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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Beria Mystery

IF Lavrenti Beria, the deposed chief of the Soviet secret police, has escaped from Russia and is looking for friendly asylum in the United States, it is an event of tremendous significance. But the reports must be treated with the greatest circumspection. It need surprise nobody that following the original report published by an American newspaper that Beria had flown out of Russia and found sanctuary in the "deep south of Europe", he has now been "located" by another newspaper in Spain. This is the sort of sensational chain reaction which develops when an event of world-wide importance is claimed, but not proven, to have happened. It is not easy to accept the Beria escape story on face value because it can be taken for granted that when the Kremlin hierarchy decide to liquidate one of the State's highest officials, they are going to employ every possible safeguard against his escape from the country. It is not inconceivable that Beria realised some time before he was publicly disgraced that he was on Malenkov's black list, and it may also be assumed that occupying the position he did he was in a better position than most to successfully plan an escape from the country. Thus, while the natural inclination is to dismiss the story of his flight to freedom as a hoax, the possibility of it being true cannot be entirely dismissed.

WHAT does appear to be established beyond doubt is that someone, either Beria or an impersonator has been making overtures through intermediaries for sanctuary in the United States in exchange for Soviet state secrets. If it is Beria, the Western allies could expect to secure information of even greater importance than that given to Russia by Anglo-American atom spies. The former, secret police chief possesses complete knowledge of the intricate Soviet spy system and the principal operators working overseas. Even more important, he is aware of the identity of traitors who are working today for Russia in the Western countries. With this information the whole of Russia's carefully built-up international espionage ring could be smashed out of existence. It is this possibility which demands that the growing reports of Beria's escape be investigated until it is completely established whether they are genuine or false. This may be the West's golden opportunity to fling aside the Iron Curtain.

THE BERIA SENSATION: NEW REVELATIONS

Escape Story Backed By Nicaraguan MYSTERY GROWS

Paris, Sept. 23. The Madrid correspondent of the Paris evening newspaper, Le Monde, today said that a Nicaraguan named Falla claimed to have met Lavrenti Beria, former Russian Interior Minister, in a Gibraltar-registered car near Malaga, in southern Spain.

The Monde correspondent said Senor Falla was the source of the Madrid newspaper ABC's report that Mr Beria had parachuted to Spain.

The Monde correspondent, Mr Jean Creach, generally reported to be one of the best informed French newspapermen in Spain, added that Senor Falla was known in Spain and particularly in Malaga as a multi-millionaire.

The report added that for the past two years Senor Falla had claimed to have very close connections with Mr Richard Nixon, the United States Vice-President, and Senator Joseph McCarthy.

He also claimed connection with the manager of the San Diego Union, a Californian newspaper, which first published the report that Mr Beria had escaped from Russia.

The Monde account said that on Sunday evening, Senor Falla tried to get a "high Spanish figure" to arrange a meeting between General Franco, the Spanish Chief of State, and the San Diego Union manager.

The report pointed out that the report of Mr Beria's flight was not published before Monday.

Senor Falla claimed that the San Diego newspaper manager had a letter to General Franco from Mr Nixon, who comes from California.

"According to Senor Falla, after a mysterious rendezvous in front of a Malaga bank and at kilometre 17 of the road to Algeiras, he had met Mr Beria accompanied by two Spaniards in a green car," the Monde correspondent said.

"Mr Beria was said to have told him that he had landed in Spain on September 10, and that he possessed the names of all Communists camouflaged in the services of Western nations," Le Monde said.—Reuter.

RECEIVES DOCUMENTS
Baltimore, Sept. 23. Colonel Julius Amoss, head of a private information service, said here he had received a batch of documents from a man claiming to represent Lavrenti Beria, fallen Russian Minister of the Interior. The man purporting to be a Soviet Major claimed that the documents were intended to show that Beria was willing to divulge Kremlin secrets in return for asylum in the United States. Colonel Amoss said there was "considerable doubt" whether the documents and subsequent batches given to his agents were genuine.

The Soviet Purge Spreads

London, Sept. 23. The purge in the Trans-Caucasian areas of Russia, where Lavrenti Beria's influence was formerly extremely strong, spread today to the little autonomous Soviet state of Dagestan, which borders Georgia, Beria's home state.

The local radio from Makhach-Kala, in Dagestan, mentioned here, reported the dismissal of two Deputy Premiers of Dagestan in a reshuffle also involving several other Ministerial changes.

A session of the Supreme Soviet of the little Republic, which has a coastline along the Caspian sea, also approved a decree which deprived Beria of membership of the Dagestan Supreme Soviet.

The dismissed Vice Premier were named as Adzhiev and Yusupov (no first names were given). The Supreme Soviet of Dagestan confirmed their dismissal and also the appointment as First Deputy Premier of a nominee named Shamkalov.

The Dagestan reshuffle follows the announcement yesterday of the dismissal of Georgia's Premier, Valerian M. Bakradze, and the First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Georgian Communist Party, A. T. Mirtskhalava, together with some other Party officials. In a third Trans-Caucasian Soviet Republic, Azerbaijan, which borders Georgia and Dagestan, the Prime Minister, Mir Djalir Abbasovich Bagirov, was expelled from the Communist Party in July.

For many years up to 1938, Beria was Security chief with jurisdiction over the Trans-Caucasian areas of Russia, and in recent years he had continued to maintain close links with these Soviet Republics. This week's developments in Georgia and Dagestan seem to indicate that the purge of "Beria men" continues.—Reuter.



Time For A Demarche Says Bevan

Russia's "Facade Of Belligerency"

London, Sept. 23.

Mr Aneurin Bevan, left wing Labour leader, today said that "Mr Vyshinsky will maintain a facade of belligerency when Russia is at her weakest."

"The moment is ripe for a demarche to Russia. If the United States insists that ideological barriers should stand before world reconciliation, the United States will be more responsible than Russia for a new war."

Speaking of the position of England toward other nations, Mr Bevan added, "I am more convinced that only in taking a middle position between the United States and Russia can we save peace. India has shown the way. As before, the Conservative government has ranged itself behind the United States."

"If the United States does not modify its policy," he said, "nothing can prevent a head-on collision between Russia and America."

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"In this country, public opinion is not anti-American or anti-Russian. Public opinion is deeply tolerant. We have behind us a powerful body of opinion for peace to mobilise."

Mr Bevan concluded his speech by stressing the importance of the German danger. Once the rearmament of Germany is accomplished, he said, war will inevitably follow. German unity can not be achieved then except through armed forces, he added, for the USSR will never allow a unified Germany to join the Western camp.

Mr Bevan said that he considered Western insistence to create the European Defence Community as the best way to keep Germany permanently divided and perpetuate the danger of war. The only solution, he said, is to unify Germany and to keep her unarmed and in order to avoid her competition on world markets, to force her to contribute to a work fund for equipment a sum tantamount to a possible military budget.—France-Press.

Real Life Drama For Viewers
Chicago, Sept. 23. Television viewers today saw the dramatic rescue of a woman who had climbed on to a 20th floor ledge of a skyscraper here and threatened to jump to her death.

For more than an hour, from a fire escape, police, firemen, a priest and office workers tried to reason with the woman, Millicent Armin, aged 36.

She was rescued when she reached back into the building to pat her pet boxer dog, and enabled her rescuers to seize her arm and pull her to safety.

The incident was relayed throughout the country by a local television studio.—Reuter.



McCARTHY AGAIN!

New York, Sept. 23.

Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) urged today that the United States withhold aid to Britain unless she stopped trade with Communist China.

"We do not want Allies who cringe and surrender in the face of an enemy threat or who lick the enemy's hand and furnish him with the weapons of war," he said in a speech here.

This was a renewal of attacks which Senator McCarthy delivered on the same topic in May. At that time, he said, "Let's sink every accused ship carrying materials that result in the death of American boys."

Senator McCarthy, addressing a convention of the American Institute of Wholesale Plumbing and Heating Supply Associations today, displayed a London newspaper clipping.

He quoted it as reporting an increase in shipments of goods from Britain to Communist China before the Korean truce. He added that members of the British House of Commons had spoken of Britain's intention to increase this trade.

"CAN'T SIT IDLE"
Senator McCarthy said: We can't sit idle by while American troops were still imprisoned and the Chinese Communists did not account for others.

The Senator said an effective blockade of the China coast could be set up without using a single ship.

"For example," he said, "we merely tell Britain that not one cent—not one farthing—of the billions we voted to strengthen her will be given her as long as she ships one single item to Red China."

He said that "of course, the supporters will scream that this means we will have to go it alone."

"We do not want to go it alone," Mr McCarthy said, but "those Allies—those alleged Allies—must be for us or against us. We can't take half way."

He said: "If we are left on an island in a Communist sea, then we will go alone, and so help me God, we will win it alone."—Reuter.

Rebuilding Of Famed Church

London, Sept. 24.

St. Clement Danes Church, once one of London's loveliest buildings but now a burnt-out wartime ruin, is to be restored and used by the Royal Air Force as its only permanent church.

It will be restored to the richly carved, delicate style of the 17th century architect, Sir Christopher Wren, who designed it.

It is hoped the work will be finished in three years. The church was set on fire by German bombs during world war two, and only the stone walls and the tower remain. But the carved wooden galleries and pink plaster carved ceiling are to be rebuilt.

A church has stood, on the Stone Island site, in the middle of the Strand, for nearly one thousand years.

The first church, it is said, was built in the time of Alfred the Great, about AD 800.—China Mail Special.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED

Teheran, Sept. 23.

Martial law was proclaimed in two Iranian cities near the Soviet border, it was learned here tonight.

These were repressive measures against opponents of Premier Zohreh's regime were being stepped up. The two cities are Soumeih Sara near Reza on the shores of the Caspian Sea, and Tabas, in the Khorassan province near the eastern Soviet frontier.—France-Press.

MPs Expect An Anglo-Egyptian Agreement Soon

London, Sept. 23.

An agreement in principle and possibly a settlement of the Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the Suez Canal zone was expected by members of Parliament here today to be announced before Parliament re-assembles at the end of October.

Backbenchers of both sides of the House said they believed that the Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, "would like to have the Anglo-Egyptian agreement in the bag" before Parliament re-opens "because there is bound to be fire-works when the question comes up in the Commons."

They did not discount the possibility that Mr Eden might fly to Cairo from Greece "to put the final touches" to the Anglo-Egyptian agreement before he flies back to London on September 30.

The possibility of a final settlement being reached soon was also not discounted. Members of Parliament said that the "informal talks which

have been going on in Cairo were so called because of protocol but actually they were negotiations."

The Foreign Office maintained its complete silence about the Anglo-Egyptian situation but a "degree of great optimism" was reported from the Egyptian Embassy here.

Reports from Cairo suggested that an announcement of a settlement might be expected, possibly very soon, but no responsible source here believed that it would be today.

It was pointed out that there must be some points which must be referred back to London and that the final word on the British side must be given when the Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, holds a Cabinet meeting called for next week.

Members of Parliament said that foreign affairs, with the Suez Canal question high on the list, continue to dominate the discussion of the top ranking Ministers who are anxious to ensure that by the time Parliament re-assembles there will be no real opening for an attack on the Government's foreign policy.—United Press.

Socialists' Foreign Policy

London, Sept. 23.

The Labour Party's National Executive Committee today agreed on the lines of a new foreign policy statement which includes proposals for "neutralising" both Formosa and Korea.

The statement, to be issued on Saturday, eve of Labour's annual delegate conference, will also oppose German rearmament until a "genuine effort" has been made to get four-power negotiations, it is authoritatively learned.—Reuter.

Protests To UN

New York, Sept. 23.

Guatemala protested in the United Nations General Assembly today against the continuing occupation of Belice (British Honduras) by Britain.—Reuter.

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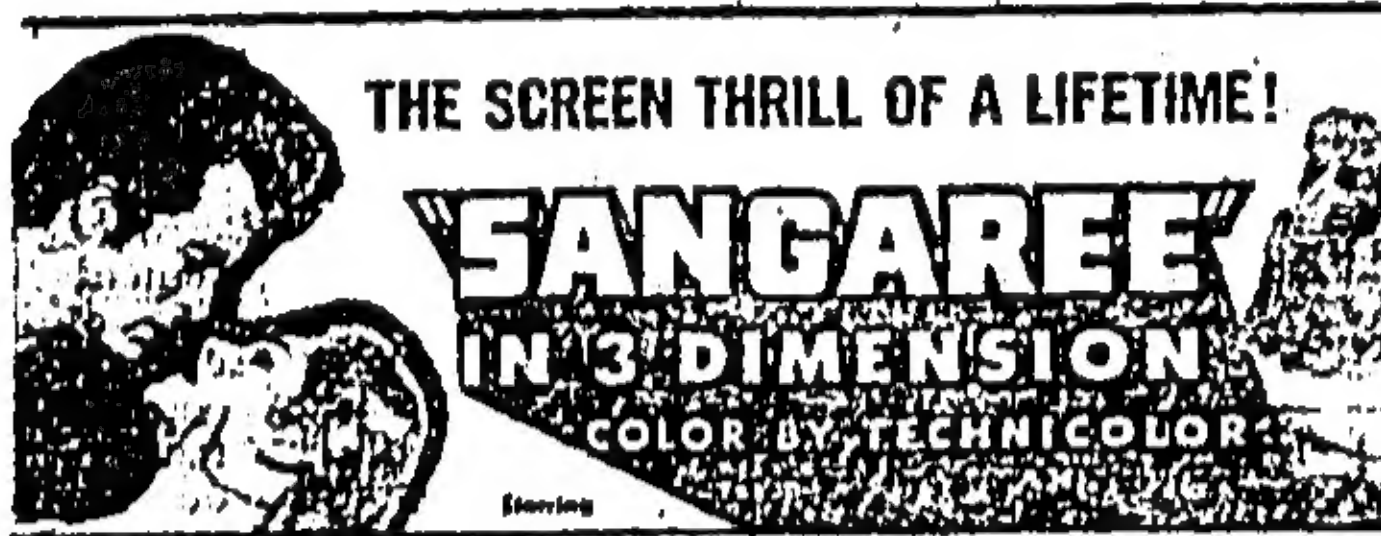
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U.S. Scheme For Solving Deadlock Given Approval

London, Sept. 23.

The new United States proposal for solving the deadlock over the Korean political conference was welcomed by two British newspapers today. The proposal was outlined yesterday by Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, United States delegate to the Steering Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

The Daily Herald declared that some concessions have been offered by the United States delegate which may ease the crisis over the Korean political conference. "Everyone must hope so," this Labour newspaper com-

mented. "For up to now the meeting of the United Nations Assembly in New York has served only to emphasise the width of the division between the West and the Communist nations on this and practically every major issue."

WARSAW MOCKERY OF JUSTICE

"Trial" Of Catholic Clergy Denounced

Washington, Sept. 23. The State Department has denounced the treason trials of Roman Catholic clergymen in Communist Poland as a "mockery of justice under the guise of a trial."

A Department statement said the trial sentences meted out to Bishop Czeslaw Kaczmarek and three priests were reminiscent of the religious persecution which existed in Stalin's days.

"World public opinion will recognise this performance for what it is—and will condemn this attempt to accomplish the ends of the Communist regime in attacking and trying to discredit organised religion," the statement said.

The Bishop and his three diocesan assistants were convicted of allegedly plotting with the former American Ambassador, Mr Arthur Lane, and U. S. Embassy assistants against the Polish Communist regime.

Bishop Kaczmarek was given a 12-year sentence by the Communist court at the end of a trial in which all the defendants said they confessed to the charges against them.—Reuter.

Industrial Pattern To Be Changed

New Delhi, Sept. 23.

The Japanese economic mission at present visiting India today met India's Planning Commission.

No short-term remedy was discovered to lessen competition between the Japanese and Indian textile industries at a meeting which lasted one hour. The only conclusion that appeared to have emerged was that as the development programme of under-developed countries progressed their standard of living would increase and people in these countries would consume more and more Indian and Japanese textiles.

The Japanese mission was also understood to have indicated that Japan, as the most industrially advanced country in Asia, was likely to change her industrial pattern in future, switching more and more to heavy industry.

Major Japanese distributors have refused to show the film "Hiroshima" in their theatres because they said it was anti-American.

The Hiroshima Company was established two years ago by artists, directors and producers who had been fired by major companies because of their alleged Communist leanings.

A Japan Teachers' Union spokesman said today the Union was now planning to export the film.—Reuter.

Film To Be Released

Tokyo, Sept. 23.

The Japan Teachers' Union announced today that a controversial film it produced about the atom bombing of Hiroshima will be released for public exhibition in the near future by the Hiroshima Film Company.

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Bankers Demand Freer Trade

Washington, Sept. 23.

The American Bankers Association declared today that the United States should continue to "open its markets increasingly to foreign goods."

"A nation can sell abroad only as it buys abroad," said a resolution adopted without dissent by the 7,000 delegates to the bankers' 79th annual convention.

"We believe that the United States should live up to its international responsibilities as the world's greatest creditor and producing nation," the resolution said.—Reuter.

Las Vegas Wedding For Rita

Las Vegas, Sept. 23.

Crooner Dick Haymes obtained an uncontested Nevada divorce today from Nora Edington Flynn Haymes, paving the way for his marriage here tomorrow to actress Rita Hayworth.

Haymes, who established legal residence here, filed for the divorce in Nevada after the couple's one-year waiting period for re-marriage established under California law.

Mrs Haymes divorced the singer last week in Los Angeles in a similar uncontested action.

District Judge Frank Gregory granted the decree to Haymes on grounds of mental cruelty after a short hearing of seven minutes in the open Court.—United Press.

ACTION BLOCKED

Hollywood, Sept. 23.

The movie producer Bert Fridob today blocked, at least temporarily, the divorce action of his actress wife, Eleanor Parker, by filing a petition in the Children's Court of Conciliation.

Fridob's attorney, Greg Bautzer, said the sealed conciliation petition would halt Miss Parker's divorce suit of last June until a hearing before a Court Commissioner with both parties present.

Bautzer believed it was the first time film industry people had sought help from the special conciliation court, which may intervene in cases involving children.

The couple separated last June after seven years of marriage. They have three children, Susan, 6, Sharon, 3, and Richard, eight months. Miss Parker, 31, charged cruelty and asked for custody of the children, for their support and half the couple's community property.

The hearings on October 14 will be closed to press and public.—United Press.

LABOUR MOTION REJECTED

Canberra, Sept. 23.

The House of Representatives tonight recorded general approval of the Australian Budget by rejecting an amendment moved last week by the Federal opposition leader, Dr Herbert Ewart. The amendment was rejected by 60 votes to 50.

To record Labour opposition to the budget, Dr Ewart had moved that the first item on the estimates be reduced by A21.—Reuter.

War Hero Retires

London, Sept. 23.

Group Captain R. C. M. Collard, D.S.O., D.F.C., wartime commander of the R.A.F.'s famous No. 12 Bomber Squadron, has retired from the service.—China Mail Special.

United States Backs Japanese Association With G.A.T.T.

Geneva, Sept. 23.

The United States came out today in strong support for the application of Japan for provisional association with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Mr Samuel C. Waugh, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, told the representatives of 33 nations to the current GATT session here:

"It is no longer fair, practical or wise to continue to deny to one of the largest trading nations of the free world the right to participate in our councils and share with us the administration of our common rules of equitable trade."

"It is now eight years since the close of World War II and more than two years since the conclusion of a treaty of peace with Japan."

"Throughout the post-war period Japan has sought to frame commercial policies in accordance with the spirit and objectives of the General Agreement and to avoid a reversion to those commercial practices which gave rise to so much difficulty in the years before the war," Mr Waugh declared.

Japan is making a bid for provisional association membership of GATT and wishes to participate in its benefits in return for a consolidation of its own tariffs.

TIME HAS COME
Mr Waugh said:
"The time has come when further delay may prejudice the achievement of stable and fruitful economic relationships between Japan and other free nations which all of us recognize is essential to our common political and security interests."

"The present trade position of Japan is precarious," he added. "If it had not been for the abnormal dollar expenditures of the United States in Japan in connection with the Korean hostilities, Japan would have had a balance of payments debit in 1952 of \$770,000,000."

"Clearly," Mr Waugh said, "the extraordinary dollar expenditures of the United States in Japan will not continue indefinitely."

"On this ground alone a further delay in bringing Japan into the trading community of the free world may prove most damaging," Mr Waugh added.

Mr Waugh said the admission of Japan on a provisional basis is urgent, that the arrangement proposed is both equitable and wise and that Japan is deserving of this recognition by the contracting parties.—United Press.

Travelling "Hotel"

Düsseldorf, Sept. 23.

A mother of five has converted a bus into a "travelling hotel" to give local children a holiday away from the streets.

The "hotel," equipped with 48 hammocks and a modern miniature kitchen, has already made its first trip to a camping site near here.

A two-week trip costs 72 marks (about £6). Not only is the bus clean and freshly painted but books, toys and dolls are also provided and films are shown when it rains.

The mother, Frau Doris, also plans to organise week-end and half-day trips where the children will even have their home-work supervised.—China Mail Special.

Freak Accident

London, Sept. 23.

A verdict of accidental death was returned at a Brent Knoll, Somerset, inquest today on a farmer, Thomas Buckton, who tripped while carrying a china washbasin, fell on broken fragments and cut his throat. The farmer was 45.—China Mail Special.

New Restrictions In Effect In Kenya

Nairobi, Sept. 23.

A new police order today forbids Kikuyu, Meru or Embu tribesmen to ride a bicycle in Nairobi unless the machine has a name and address painted on it in letters half an inch high.

An emergency regulation prohibits all Africans from having explosives unless supervised by a responsible European or Asian.—China Mail Special.

MUSTANG PILOT WITHDRAWS

"Futile" To Enter Big Air Race

Sydney, Sept. 24.

Australian Flight-Lieutenant J. L. Whitman announced last night he had withdrawn from next month's London to Christchurch air race.

Flight-Lieutenant Whitman said his reasons for this would be "futile" for him to continue with his Mustang entry in the speed section of the race against Canberra and Valiant jets.

He had hoped to get the use of a Sabrejet from the Australian Government, or a Thunderjet from the United States, but had not been successful.

Lieutenant Whitman, who bought an Australian-built Mustang from the Royal Australian Air Force surplus, had planned to fly solo to London and all the 12,276 miles of the race to Christchurch.

He has 10,000 hours of flying to his credit, including service with the Australian Air Force, with whom he served in Malaya.—China Mail Special.

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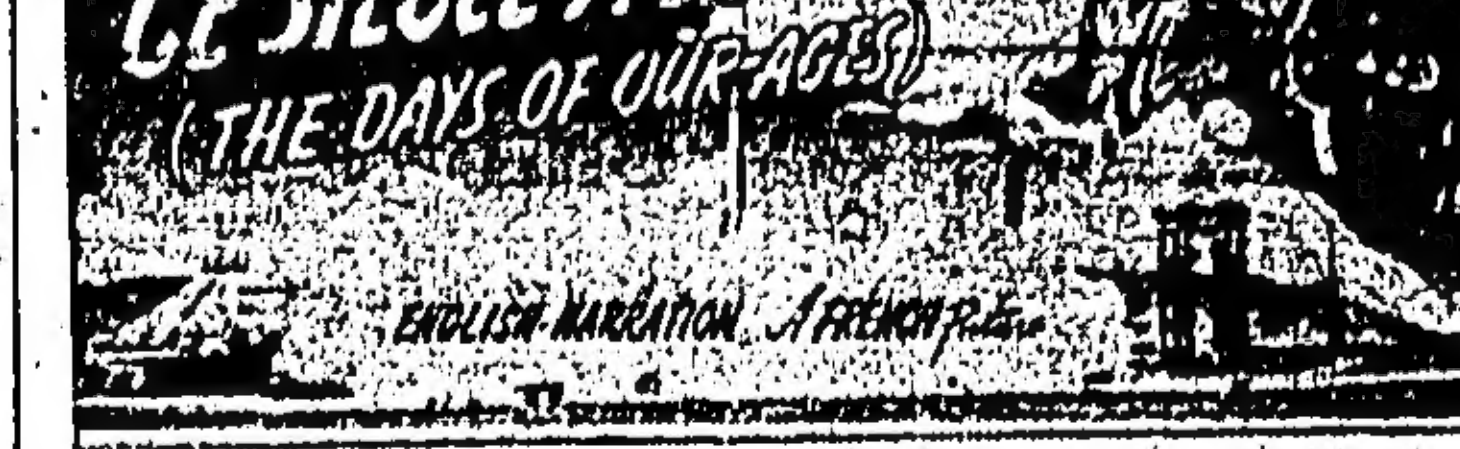
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A Briton returns from a Continental journey to make a surprising report

By JOHN BAKER WHITE

A 2,500-MILE careful-eating-and-drinking tour of Western Europe, after a thorough round of London's restaurants and journeys into various provincial centres, has left me convinced of one thing.

Britain today has the best general standard of hotel and restaurant cooking of any country in Western Europe.

Before indignant correspondents rush to paper to tell of that "wonderful meal" they had at Bad-X or la-Y let me add a very important rider: The best food at prices the ordinary person can afford to pay. I know of several European restaurants where it is possible to get a magnificent dinner at £4 per head, without wine. And one can pay that in London if one wishes.

I would add a second rider. It is easy to eat very nasty, badly served food all over Britain, and all over Europe as well—especially in that new paradise for British holidaymakers, Spain, and even in France's most famous tourist centres. A few days ago I had dinner in Vichy. It consisted of thin vegetable soup, boiled fish, an inedible vegetable dish that looked and tasted like the chicken's dinner, followed by cold tinned ham with salad, and stewed pears.

NO CHOICE

There was no choice in this four-star hotel, and the charge was more than 25s. per head. In a certain restaurant in Soho, kept by an Englishman, it is possible today to eat the best sole Colbert in the world, and I would back its sole boned-feminine and lobster cardinal against the strongest Parisian competition.



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It is true that Britain cannot offer such delicacies as jambon d'Ardenne or the smoked ham of Westphalia, or the untreated Mosel wine that goes so well with it, but quite such our restaurants will have again, after a lapse of 13 years, the unequalled hams of Suffolk and York. And if they are wise, they will offer cold partridge and salad with them, unbeatable the world over as the centre of a cold meal, starting with a vinage port.

I put my money on a hotel in Canterbury that serves a wonderful breakfast—and from 6.30 a.m. in your room if you are travelling early. And it was in Chichester, not Brussels or Lyons, that not long ago I was offered a hot meal specially cooked for me at 10.30 p.m., served by a smiling waitress who did not spend the whole time looking at the clock. With good food must go good wine. Leaving out of the picture the wines of the district that will not travel anyway, it is possible now to drink the best French wines in London, Edinburgh and Glasgow.

UNEQUALLED

An hotel in Kensington, also kept by a Briton, has a wine list that in range and price is unequalled anywhere. It includes a pleasant wine from the wood at 2s. per glass or a vintage rarity at £5 per bottle, but the general standard of quality vis-a-vis price is above that of any other capital city.

For the ordinary wine drinker who cannot afford more than 20s. a bottle in a restaurant, the wines in the lists in Britain are often cheaper than in France and Belgium, and some wine hotels are now serving an honest wine at as low a price as 8s. 6d. a bottle, which is close to the French subterfuge price for a local wine. And with the renewed importation of wines that merchants can offer at 5s. 6d. to 6s. 6d. a bottle, wine is coming back into British cooking.

It is true that our railway station food remains dull, un-

imaginative and often downright bad in contrast to Germany, where railway restaurants are always first-class and relatively cheap. On the other hand, the food served at many of our lorry drivers' "pull-ups" is well above the general standard of France's "cave des routiers." Some of the best grilled gammon and eggs in England can be found at a transport cafe on the Maldstone-Dover road. And let us admit that the general run of food in Spanish restaurants is as deplorable as the smell of rancid cooking oil that wafts out of them.

We in Britain can do better, much better, but we are coming on very nicely.

While the general standard of cooking is rising, that of Europe is stationary or declining. We are losing our inferiority complex.

EXCLUSIVE STORY BY ESCAPED CAPTAIN

WHEN I could no longer be seen by the guard on the gangway I stopped. I turned and I looked back at my ship for the last time.

The yellow brief-case in my hand held some private papers, a clean shirt, and a pair of pyjamas. They were all that I was taking with me into a new life.

But a man who is stepping into freedom needs no more baggage than the faith that is in his heart.

I looked back at the Batory, the ship I had loved, the ship that now represented slavery to me. There she was, in dry dock at Hobburn-on-Tyne, white superstructure gleaming above her grey hull.

The Spider

THERE had been four rings on my cuff when I was her skipper, but the title of Master had ceased to mean anything. The heart and soul of the Batory had long since passed into the control of the Communists.

Captain Cwiklinski was going ashore for the last time. From now on the Batory belonged to Peter Szemiel, the Political Security Officer sitting like a spider in Cabin 13.

She belonged to that evil genius of a Security Officer, Major Zebrowski, secure in his soundproof office on the Tenth of February Street, Gdynia.

SHE BELONGED TO COMMUNISM.

She had been a happy ship when I became her Master in April 1948. She was being refitted in Holland and I did not take her to sea until May 1949, when she went back to Poland for the first time since 1939.

She went with an honourable record as a troop-carrier under the British flag, and I was proud to be her Master.

I left her a sad and fear-ridden ship. In the seven years of my command, but through no wish of mine, she had become the Mystery Ship, the Trojan Ship, the Ship With a Thousand Secrets.

Didn't Know

EVEN the passengers we carried had no idea of what was going on. They did not know, for example, that when they vacated the first-class dining-room at night the Party sometimes took over.

Tables were covered with red cloth. Portraits of Lenin, Stalin, and Polish Communist leaders were leant against the fine gilt and birch panelling.

And through the kitchen doors came those members of the crew who were Communist Party members. And that was about 80 per cent, willing and unwilling, but mostly unwilling. Before the leaning portraits they sat and listened to harangues on Communism, on the Soviet Union, on the Iniquities of the West.

When a strategically planted stooge went to his feet to cry "Long Live to Stalin!" there would be a well-disciplined answer of "Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!" from all present.

But before we left the hatches on the Batory let's see how she appeared to the passengers.



"You've got to hand it to him—hollering all last week at the T.U.C. conference for equal pay for women."

London Express Service

MY SHIP OF 1,000 SECRETS

ON June 19 of this year, a Polish sea-captain walked ashore from his ship at Hobburn-on-Tyne. For seven years his ship, the Batory, earned a chequered history of mystery, intrigue and desertion.



Captain Cwiklinski

Only Captain Jan Cwiklinski, who turned his back that day on his ship and on Communist Poland and asked Britain for asylum, can tell her secrets. This is the start of his story, which is appearing exclusively in the China Mail.

much the same as those put in by Kaminski's men:

"Yesterday I saw so-and-so reading a foreign newspaper."

"I saw him attending the passengers' church service."

"I saw him talking to a passenger" (a big crime, this).

"He showed lack of enthusiasm for the Soviet Union during discussion."

Finally, the third arm, the Union chief and his "agitators."

Their job is to see that everybody works to the degree the party expects. Their reports are concerned with a man's ability, enthusiasm, and ambition. And, they, too, are not above spying.

Reports from all three arms are collected by Szemiel, and sent to his chief in Poland.

Every officer in the service for un-reliability, for lack of patriotism, but it's not pleasant either.

Yet this network of spying and informing resulted, to my mind, in more than 100 desertions from the ship's crew. The men have appeared to knuckle under, but given the chance they got out.

Every two or three hours, again like Szemiel, he would slip along to the wireless room where one of the operators would send his coded reports to Gdynia or Warsaw.

Kaminski was always in touch with Poland. He wouldn't have thought of changing his mind without first asking Warsaw what he should change it to. But he was deadly dangerous, for all that.

And his spy network was comprehensive. I estimate that one in three of the ship's company was his creature. He had spies among the officers and apprentices, in the engine-room, the laundry, bakery, restaurants, dock-hands and hospital.

These were secret operators, but after a while you got to know a Kaminski man. He was always listening to what others were saying. And on my way to my quarters I would occasionally brush into them as they scuttled towards Kaminski's cabin to make their reports.

The second arm of political control was the Party Secretary (one of my officers) and his "men of confidence."

These were informers who were supposed to report on the crew's political reliability. They were all known, there was no secret about them, they were in every department.

Since promotion in the Polish Merchant Marine now depends more on "political reliability" than seamanship, these men of confidence are important men.

And they are not above a bit of spying too. The reports they held the rank of Captain at the

UB. I found him a distasteful fellow, fat, untidy, a heavy drinker and smoker. He was as ignorant of the outside world as Szemiel which only made him a better UB operator.

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group would be held responsible for the desertion of the third.

To offset this disaster the UB would occasionally make sweeping changes in our personnel. Without warning they would transfer 100 officers and men to another ship and give us green replacements.

But they could not stop the desertion of determined men.

When the men jumped the ship they jumped in groups. If they tried it alone they ran big risks.

Take the case of three men who tried it in Southampton in April 1952. They were young men, sick and disillusioned with the new Poland. The seven men of the Batory who had gone ashore one pay-night in Hobburn a year before, and never come back, were an inspiring example.

First Lucky

BUT these three tried to do it alone. The first to go was lucky. He was a deck-hand. He walked off, and got clear away.

Szemiel was furious. The man had had a pass for shore leave, signed by Szemiel, and the cultural officer didn't like the fact that he would have to mention that in his report to Gdynia.

He immediately cancelled all shore leave. But the next day the second of the three friends made his try. He put on two suits and an extra set of underwear, climbed through the porthole of his cabin, and leapt for the jetty.

He missed, clutched with his hands and hung there over the water, while the gangway guard and the cultural officer ran ashore to pick him up. He screamed out, "Police! Help! Asylum!" but they dragged him aboard and threw him in the brig.

Szemiel, who was in no mean state of anxiety, wired Gdynia for instructions. He was told: "You will meet the Gdynia-bound ship Plast off Cape St. Vincent. Put the prisoner aboard her."

WE spoke the Plast off the cape and the prisoner was put aboard her. We never heard of him again.

The third friend, a musician called Pinkawa, tried his escape when we reached Gibraltair. The police didn't understand his story and brought him back aboard.

He managed to hoodwink Szemiel with a story about falling sick and overstaying his shore-leave. But he was not trusted and was not allowed ashore again.

When we got back to Southampton on our return from India he dressed himself in his swimming trunks, slipped through the porthole, and swam 800 yards to the jetty, where a policeman picked him up, listened to his gasping plea for asylum, and helped him along to the police station.

Not everybody was able to walk down the Batory's gangway to freedom as I was.

TOMORROW: Major Zebrowski—the man who controls the political network of the shipping line. I fight for my crew. How the crew is indoctrinated. The spies get to work on me.

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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter



YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

BORN on this day of the incoming sign, Libra, you are ruled by Venus, the Goddess of Beauty and have a great capacity for justice and understanding. You seem to sense intuitively what needs to be done and then have the ability to go about doing it, calmly, efficiently, and gracefully. You have a forceful and keen mind, yet not an aggressive one. You may often wait a long time before letting others know what your intentions are. Sometimes you say nothing until you are ready to act. Then your action comes as a great surprise to all those who do not suspect what your objective is. You are a born executive and you know how to select others to do the detail work which you personally do. You are sincere, honest and sometimes even a little too frank, in speaking your mind. You know well how to finish it. With all this positiveness

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Memory can betray you and your important matters. Write down all the facts so you will not err. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Think before you act. Hardly made decisions will only lead to changes later on. AVOID (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)—Make sure that your generosity is not abused. Do good, but do it where one is worthy of it. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—More than that force today. In projecting your ideas, be diplomatic about it, for success. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Look carefully before you leap into any new business venture. PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Take things slowly and use care in all important decisions. Today, large margin for error today. ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Don't start anything new. First,

clear up the job you already have in hand. Conclude it successfully. TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Save now by buying something you need. Want, there are excellent bargains. Just look for them. GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Not a good day for romance so don't expect too much. Be diplomatic to avoid any misunderstandings. CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If a pet scheme is vetoed by someone in authority, be philosophical about it. Wait a while longer, then try. LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—This is a good day for all your efforts. You could even combine business and pleasure with a touch of romance. VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Emotions must be kept well under control if you are to achieve what you want. Discipline yourself carefully.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Traps Line Path Of Simple Plays

NORTH 28			
♠	K 6 5		
♥	Q 9 7 4 2		
♦	K 8 5		
WEST			
♠	Q 9 8 5 2		
♥	10 8 4		
♦	A 5 3		
♣	A 3		
EAST			
♠	10 3		
♥	Q 7 3 2		
♦	10 8 7		
♣	10 8 7		
SOUTH (D)			
♠	K 7 4		
♥	A J		
♦	K		
♣	A Q J 9 4 2		
Neither side vul.			
South	West	North	East
♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
♥	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
♦	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
♣	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

By OSWALD JACOBY

WHEN today's hand was played in a recent team match, one declarer found a simple way to make his contract, which the other found an equally simple way to lose it. I like simplicity, but I prefer the simple route to success.

At both tables the opening lead was the queen of spades. The successful declarer won the first trick with the king of spades and immediately returned the king of diamonds. The reasoning was simple and direct. One diamond trick had to be lost sooner or later, and South wanted to guard against one obvious danger.

What was that obvious danger? West merely refused to win the first diamond trick. South now continued by drawing three rounds of trumps, ending with dummy's king. Next he led the queen of diamonds from dummy, discarding a low spade from his own hand. West could take the ace of diamonds now, but nothing could stop declarer from getting back to dummy with the king of hearts in time to discard his last losing spade on the jack of diamonds.

The unsuccessful declarer won the first trick with the king of spades and then drew three rounds of trumps before leading the king of diamonds. West refused to take his ace, and South was dead as a doornail. South could not bring in the diamonds, since there was only one entry to dummy (the king of hearts). One entry would be enough to set up dummy's diamonds, but then South would have no way of getting back to dummy in order to cash a high diamond.

As a result of this lack of foresight, South did not lose a diamond trick but was compelled to lose two spades.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable the bidding has been:

North East South West

1 Heart 2 Diamonds ?

You, South, hold: Spades K-J-2, Hearts 8-7, Diamonds Q-10-4-2, Clubs A-Q-9-4. What do you do?

A—Double. If the opponents stay in diamonds you should be able to take two diamond tricks and probably three other defensive tricks. If the opponents "run" to another suit, you can double again.

TODAY'S QUESTION

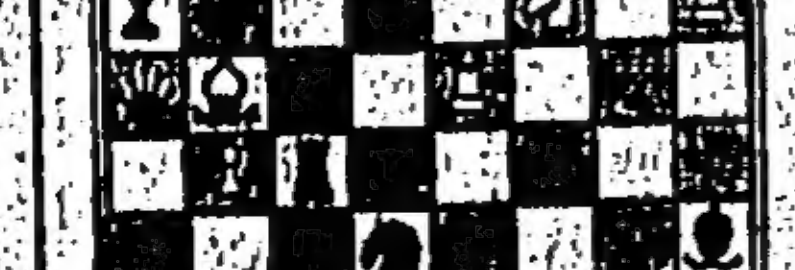
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-4-4, Hearts 8-7, Diamonds K-J-10-4-2, Clubs Q-9-4. What do you do?

Answer tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ELLERMAN

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 9 pieces. White to play: mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem: 1. Q-B7, 2. Q-B6, 3. Q-B7, 4. Q-B6, 5. Q-B7, 6. Q-B6, 7. Q-B7, 8. Q-B6, 9. Q-B7, 10. Q-B6, 11. Q-B7, 12. Q-B6, 13. Q-B7, 14. Q-B6, 15. Q-B7, 16. Q-B6, 17. Q-B7, 18. Q-B6, 19. Q-B7, 20. Q-B6, 21. Q-B7, 22. Q-B6, 23. Q-B7, 24. Q-B6, 25. Q-B7, 26. Q-B6, 27. Q-B7, 28. Q-B6, 29. Q-B7, 30. Q-B6, 31. Q-B7, 32. Q-B6, 33. Q-B7, 34. Q-B6, 35. Q-B7, 36. Q-B6, 37. Q-B7, 38. Q-B6, 39. Q-B7, 40. Q-B6, 41. Q-B7, 42. Q-B6, 43. Q-B7, 44. Q-B6, 45. Q-B7, 46. Q-B6, 47. Q-B7, 48. Q-B6, 49. Q-B7, 50. Q-B6, 51. Q-B7, 52. Q-B6, 53. Q-B7, 54. Q-B6, 55. Q-B7, 56. Q-B6, 57. Q-B7, 58. Q-B6, 59. Q-B7, 60. Q-B6, 61. Q-B7, 62. Q-B6, 63. Q-B7, 64. Q-B6, 65. Q-B7, 66. Q-B6, 67. Q-B7, 68. Q-B6, 69. Q-B7, 70. Q-B6, 71. Q-B7, 72. Q-B6, 73. Q-B7, 74. Q-B6, 75. Q-B7, 76. Q-B6, 77. Q-B7, 78. Q-B6, 79. Q-B7, 80. Q-B6, 81. Q-B7, 82. Q-B6, 83. Q-B7, 84. Q-B6, 85. Q-B7, 86. Q-B6, 87. Q-B7, 88. Q-B6, 89. Q-B7, 90. Q-B6, 91. Q-B7, 92. Q-B6, 93. 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Soccer Session

Yes, that header can make you—or break you

by BOB PENNINGTON

CENTRE FORWARD—the flashpoint position of disaster or triumph. And here to give heart to every faltering leader is the spearhead of England's attack in the compact, taut figure of Bolton's Professor Nathaniel Lofthouse.

Hear that Lofthouse laugh. It is on the same grand scale as the oft-told tale of today's assistant master, Louis Blimpson, of Liverpool.

Happy, happy Lofthouse. Why? Let the professor (who broke a wrist-bone last October and has since had trouble with it) tell you himself. Says he—

"The doctors allowed me to take the plaster cast from my right wrist this week. The bone has healed and I play for Bolton against Manchester United at Bolton tomorrow."

I am happy to lead the attack too. Some call centre forward a nightmare role. To me it has brought nothing but pleasure.

Nobody likes a "policeman" breathing down his neck for 90 minutes at a stretch. Yet if you can break free for just a fleeting second there is always the chance of deciding the match with one shot.

Shooting—that's your two-footed test. From any angle and from any distance where there is an outside chance of finding the net.

PRACTICE FOR HEAD FLICKS

HEADING can make or break you. Centre halves generally tend to be six-footers. I am 5ft. 9½ins. tall and have to make up in jumping and timing what I lack in inches.

At Bolton our manager, Bill Hidding, a great centre forward in his day, has three footballs hanging from the beams under our stand. The height from the ground is varied and daily we practise angled flicks with the side of the head and full-blooded punches from the forehead.

Bill looks on critically as we file by and he can still show how it should be done.

Don't take the field with any fixed plan in strategy. There are two types of centre half—those who come with you and those who refuse to wander. Experiment before you decide which game to play.

STRATEGIC TIP

THE leech type of pivot can come unstuck when you stray from the middle. Switch to the left or right wing, and there should be room for either inside forward to move up and towards the centre for the goal.

Should the centre half refuse to budge from his post, that leaves you unmarked and virtually a spare man.

One inside story with a strategic tip. England's team boss, Walter Winterbottom, advised me to lie back deep in the Wayne information match against Wales last season.

The idea was for me to draw Ray Daniel and push a pass behind him as he advanced. Daniel, however, stayed put and the plan was changed. Instead I took the ball to him with my inside men alongside.

No. 4 of two-way football sessions by the stars of today and tomorrow



Lofthouse, eyes riveted on the ball, times his leap to meet a high centre.



Blimpson, the Lancashire lad with the build of a heavy-weight boxer, hammers a punchball daily to improve his timing.

Odds On Marciano Shorten

New York, Sept. 23. The odds on Rocky Marciano retaining his World Heavyweight Championship against Roland LaStarza here tomorrow shortened today from four to one on five to one.

Marciano is expected to be an even stronger favourite in the time the fighters step into the ring for the 15 rounds bout at the Polo Grounds.

Interest in the fight continued to mount, and Mr. Jim Morris, President of the promoting International Boxing Club, predicted that pay-off ticket sales would bring in at least \$300,000 (\$217,142).

\$2,000 GATE He estimated that, if the weather was good, the total gate receipts would be \$400,000 (\$132,856) or better.

"With a minimum guarantee of \$100,000 (\$23,714) for theatre-TV," Mr. Morris said, "the fighters have every chance of getting paid off on \$500,000 (\$178,570)." Marciano was expected to receive \$180,000 (\$27,857) and LaStarza \$78,000 (\$27,857).

The bout, starting at 9:30 GMT on Friday, will not be broadcast or televised generally. It will be televised over a closed circuit to 45 theatres in 34 cities and towns in a coast-to-coast link up.

Marciano stayed at a friend's home at Long Island today and did several miles of road work. The challenger was still at his camp at Greenwood Lake, New York, and was remaining there until tomorrow morning, when both fighters are due to weigh in at Madison Square Garden at 1700 GMT.

LaStarza did five miles of road work today. It was suggested that he would go into the ring tomorrow night with a slight beard, but Al Weill, Marciano's manager, had no comment to make on this suggestion.—Reuter.

English Coach For Philippines Soccer Team

Manila, Sept. 24. Philippines' chances in football in the Asian Games next year will be given a boost in November with the arrival from England of Thomas Sledon, one of Britain's best coaches, to handle the training and coaching of the Philippine team.

Sledon's primary concern will be to tutor the Philippine national football team on the latest trends in football. After the Asian Games, he will lend his services to the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation until his three-year contract expires.—France Press.

EDWIN TSAI & MARY CHOW SUCCEED ON THEIR THIRD ATTEMPT Best Final In Many Years

By "ARGONAUT"

After knocking at the door of Championship honours in the event for two successive seasons in 1950 and 1951, Edwin Tsai and Mrs. Mary Chow succeeded in winning the Colony Mixed Doubles tennis title yesterday when they edged out their former conquerors, Mr. and Mrs. Ip Koon-hung, by 6-3, 3-6 and 9-7.

The third final meeting of these two topmost Colony mixed doubles combinations produced the best final in many years and perhaps in the whole history of the Mixed Doubles Championship.

Taking exactly 83 minutes to be completed, it was replete with bright, high-powered tennis of a very high standard that reached a thrilling climax in the 38-minute third set.

Set points shifted from one side to the other amidst hushed silence from the gallery which burst out in a thundering ovation as Mary Chow came to the aid of her almost exhausted, if brilliant partner with a long forehand drive that caught Mrs. Ip in a fruitless half-volley to end the set and match.

Outstanding were Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai, both of whom adopted the same pattern of play in straddling the forecourt and scoring with all-out smashes, volleys and drives to weak returns, especially by the lady partners.

TREMENDOUS IMPROVEMENT Tsai showed tremendous improvement from his previous years' form and was yesterday an equal, if not superior to the redoubtable Ip who, though retaining his usual speed at the net, lacked his usual accuracy and confidence in his ground strokes.

Tsai was even more deadly with his overhead smashes and volleys which packed much more power in them, and has added to his repertoire of forehand strokes a flashing flat-racket forehand that time and again brought him beautiful winners along the right side-line.

Double-faults, however, still plagued his otherwise vastly improved form, although yesterday they were limited to only five.

If any big improvement could have been made on yesterday's match, it was in the ladies' department. With both men directing their forcing shots on them, the ladies were subjected to quite a gruelling time despite the fact that they were through-out the game given only a small corner to cover.

With both men equally deadly at the forecourt, the ability of the women not only to return these forcing shots, but return them strongly with placed shots became the deciding factor.

Mrs. Ip was the weaker of the two ladies in this respect, lacking the speed and low short drives of her vis-à-vis as well as speed and ease in execution of her strokes.

Playing from the baseline throughout the whole game, she would have helped her partner a great deal in wrestling the offensive from the opposition had she come forward for her shots rather than like her partner, drift about the baseline leaving Tsai ample time to come into position at the net.

Her hobbling attempts in the first set left her and Ip completely at the mercy of Tsai in the first set, but her changed tactics at keeping the ball in play with much greater success in the following sets and had these been a little more forceful and taken just a shade earlier, she would have given Ip more chances of the net.

Mary Chow, on the other hand, showed excellent understanding of the game and was a valuable asset both at the net and of the baseline, from where she repeatedly passed Ip, especially at the crucial stages of the game, with her short quarter-court forehand cross drives.

The Tsai-Chow pair were deserving winners also in view of their being a much smoother combination. Tsai covered his partner's backhand extremely well, and both showed excellent understanding in speedy manoeuvring to forehand positions and placing of their shots.

THE PLAY Ip won the toss and served to a 4-0 lead as Tsai netted and overdrove two services and failed to get to a backhand side-line volley by Ip. Ip took the first set with an ace for the first of two points.

On his service Tsai overhit a drive-volley to Mrs. Ip's lob but made up with a smashing forehand smash and a sliding forehand drive to the middle. At 30-15 he served a double-fault to Ip and repeated it at 40-30 and at "advantage serve" on the second drive Mrs. Ip lobbed wide to Tsai's service and Tsai took the game with an ace.

Two errors by Ip in his first service, followed by a smashing forehand drive, brought Mrs. Ip to the net and she was unable to return Tsai's drive. Mrs. Ip took the second set 6-3.

service by 50-15. Mary was quickly in a 0-40 deficit in the fourth game when Tsai overhit and netted two lobs by Mrs. Ip, and Ip scored with a follow-up backhand volley.

Although she crept up to 30-40, Mary conceded the game when she overdrove a short, backhand cross by Ip.

Ip lost his next service game to enable his opponents to take the lead at 3-2. He netted a return to his service and although he recovered with an ace and an error by Tsai, he overhit a drive-volley and was followed by Mrs. Ip netting another volley. A smash by Ip to the net on Mrs. Chow's lob ended the game.

Keeping up a relentless attack on Mrs. Ip at the base, and scoring with a drop shot and volleys at the net, Tsai served to a 40-15 lead, and then lapsed into two successive double-faults. He made up with an overhead smash and a drive along the middle to widen the lead to 4-2.

Mrs. Ip stayed on a 0-30 setback in the next set and, capitalising on two errors by Tsai and another by Mrs. Chow, held the game with an intercepting smash by Ip.

Mrs. Chow was conspicuous in the eighth game when she passed Ip at the net on two occasions to bring the score to deuce. Ip took the game to game-point with an overhead smash but timely netted Mrs. Chow's next service with a backhand shot, and although Tsai drew the level to deuce, Ip's backhand side-line drive to the service was just a little too long.

Tsai and Mrs. Chow completed the first set in 20 minutes by breaking through Ip's service with a love game.

SECOND SET

Ip was more in his element of an aggressive game in the second set, when Mrs. Ip began to keep the ball low and pack more pace in her shots.

Scoring the first point on Tsai's opening service game with a backhand cross drive, Mrs. Ip forced Tsai into a couple of errors with her sudden change of pace, and although Tsai drew the level to deuce with an ace, he double-faulted his next service and lost out to an intercepting volley by Ip.

Ip again dropped his service game by 15-40 as a result of two errors by Mrs. Ip and a good drive and a smash by Tsai.

The Ips, however, forged ahead to 3-1 on the next five games which they took by 60-30 and 50-30. Tsai held his service game after deuce was called, but could not stop his opponents from winning the sixth game by a deuce and the seventh game by 60-18.

Mrs. Ip dropped her service game by 15-40 and with the score at 3-5 there came a long, drawn-out Tsai's service in the ninth game which lasted almost 10 minutes and went to seven deuces before the Ips won it to claim the second set by 6-3 in 25 minutes.

FINAL SET

Without any break, the players resumed their third set and Ip lost no time in taking the initial lead on his service with a love game as Tsai was still recovering his breath.

The effect of the last game in the previous set told on Tsai in his service game, which he dropped by a love score.

Mrs. Ip, after a 15-0 lead, was soon trailing, behind, by 15-40 on her service and although Tsai gave her a further point when his forehand side-line drive was called, the Tsai-Chow came to the rescue with a forehand side-line drive to the service which left Tsai standing in the middle of the forecourt.

The Ips broke through Mrs. Chow's next service game after deuce was called to lead by 40-15 only to see Ip drop another service game by 40-30 after trailing behind by 0-40.

Tsai drew level at 3-3 on his service and, though ahead to 4-3 with a love game on Mrs. Ip's service, led to 5-3 with another love game on Mrs. Ip's service.

On Tsai's next service, an out-shot by Mrs. Ip and a misjudgement between her and Ip gave Tsai a 30-0 lead. Mrs. Chow then netted a drive by Ip, but Tsai brought the set within match point when Ip netted a volley during an exciting rally.

An intercepting volley by Ip scored, and running all over the court Ip brought the game to deuce with a backhand volley. Two successive errors by Tsai gave the Ips momentary relief as the score was levelled at 5-5.

Mrs. Ip held her service game by 50-15 to take the lead at 6-5, but Mrs. Chow came back with the same score on her service and again the score was deadlocked at 6-6.

A deuce game on Ip's service saw the Ips again in the lead at 7-6.

Tsai's next service game saw the Ips within match-point at 30-40. Ip then had the bad luck to mis-hit a backhand intercepting volley which was easily put away by Tsai.

A thrilling rally ensued with Tsai putting in the final touch with a spectacular half-volley drive along the sideline. Ip then netted a forehand drive and once again the score stood level at 7-7.

Mrs. Ip failed to hold her service game despite gallant attempts by her and Ip in forcing the game to deuce after being 15-40 down.

The thrilling climax came in the 10th game of the third set with Mrs. Chow serving. The Ips took an early 30-0 lead, only to see their opponent trailing level at 30-30 through a volley by Tsai and an overdrive by Ip.

Another overdrive by Mrs. Chow brought the Ips within game-point, but Ip lobbed her next service well within reach of Tsai.

A short forehand cross drive by Mrs. Chow from the middle at the baseline left Ip standing and brought her again within set point.

In another thrilling rally she overdrove and deuce was again called. Tsai's drive, which was over the net, was called "advantage, receiver" was called.

Another misunderstanding by the Ips resulted in a weak return which was put away by Tsai and Mrs. Chow scored the winning point with a similar forehand cross drive and in the quarter point of this game.

THE RESULTS

The results of yesterday's matches were: Colony Mixed Doubles final: Edwin Tsai and Mrs. Mary Chow beat Mr. and Mrs. Ip Koon-hung 6-3, 3-6 and 9-7. Colony Ladies' Plate (semi-final): Mrs. Fowler beat Mrs. Albrow 7-5 and 6-3. Mrs. Stamp beat Mrs. Taylor 6-2 and 6-2.

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TODAY'S MATCHES

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THE FINALISTS



From the left — Mrs. Ip Koon-hung, Ip Koon-hung, Edwin Tsai and Mrs. Mary Chow.—China Mail Photo.

BRITAIN CAPTURES 6,000 METRES RELAY RECORD

London, Sept. 23. Great Britain set a new world record for the 6,000 Metres Relay at the White City Stadium here tonight with a time of 15 minutes 27.2 seconds.

The previous record was 15 minutes 30.2 seconds made by a Swedish team in 1949.

The British four were Ralph Dunkley, David Law, Gordon Pirie and Bill Nankville.

The Swedish quartet of Ingvar Eriksson, Olof Aberg, Tage Lundberg and Sune Karlsson, which also took part in the attempt together with a German team, returned 15 minutes 29.0 seconds to also better the official record.

The triangular attempt on the record was held in conjunction with the floodlit inter-city athletics match between London and Stockholm tonight.

PIRE AGAIN The Foundation of the record was laid by Gordon Pirie, Britain's Six Miles world record holder, who, running on the third leg, turned a deficit of ten yards into an advantage of eight yards by the time he had handed over the baton to Bill Nankville.

On a thrilling last leg, Nankville held off the challenge of Sweden's Champion, Sune Karlsson, who has run the world's fastest 1,500 Metres so far clocked this year.

Intermediate times were: 1,500 metres, 2 minutes 53.4 seconds with Germany leading; 3,000 metres, 7 minutes 43.4 seconds with Sweden leading; 4,500 metres, 11 minutes 33.6 seconds with Britain leading.

Though the times of the individual runners were not worked out, it is understood that Pirie ran the fastest leg in approximately three minutes 49 seconds.—Reuter.

TWO SECONDS MORE Hamburg, Sept. 23. Only a few hours before Britain broke the official world 6,000 Metres Relay record by three seconds in London tonight, a Hungarian team bettered the old mark by one second, the West German News Agency, DPA, reported tonight.

The Hungarians clocked 15 minutes 29.2 seconds, the Agency said. Britain's time was 15 minutes 27.2 seconds.—Reuter.

ROBE DOES WELL George Robb, the former amateur international who is now a professional with Tottenham Hotspur, had a very satisfactory game and may earn a full England cap against Wales on October 10.

The League of Ireland, also made up of part time footballers, well deserved their unexpected win over the Welsh team, scored entirely of players from the Cardiff and Swansea clubs. The Welshmen looked only third raters and there was not a good shot from the forward line, which appeared so strong on paper.

McQuade the Waterford inside-left, hit two goals for the Irish team and Dwyer scored the other goal.—Reuter.

English Women's Golf Ch'ship Sandwich, Kent, Sept. 23. Miss Jennifer Blagden, 30, year-old English professional and Miss Jean McInyre, 31, year-old former Yorkshire Champion, won their way into the final of the English Women's Golf Championship here today.

Miss Blagden, English Champion in 1951, beat Miss Mary Hampton of Worcestershire, six and five in the semi-final round and Miss McInyre defeated Miss Mavis Gildwell of London by one hole.—Reuter.

Rosewall Unfit For Military Service Sydney, Sept. 23. Ken Rosewall, Australia's 18-year-old tennis star, today was declared physically unfit for the compulsory three months of military training which threatened to interrupt his training for his country's defence, of the Davis Cup in December.

Robert Rosewall, the younger brother, said Ken had suffered since boyhood from chronic dermatitis (eczema) of the skin around his ankles. Doctors consider he would not be able to wear heavy military boots.

Rosewall won the Pacific Southwest Tennis Championship at Los Angeles last Sunday by defeating 7th Sevens Wimbledon Champion, Fred Stolle, in 10 minutes.

Hoi Tin Wins The 1953 Junior Water Polo League Title The final standing of the 1953 Junior Water Polo League, which ended in the winners being Hoi Tin with 21 points closely followed by C.O.S. 20 pts. and South China and Dolphins each with 19 pts.

The following are the tabulated final results: Hoi Tin 21, C.O.S. 20, South China 19, Dolphins 19.

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HKFA MEETING

The Hongkong Football Association held a meeting at their offices in Prince's Building yesterday for the purpose of reviewing and re-arranging the fixtures lists.

The Chairman, Mr. K. K. Ip, presided and stated that confirmation of the application from the South China Team to tour Saigon which had been awaited had been received in the form of a telegram and that this question was now in order. He added that South China had decided, in view of the opening of the season this week, to curtail their tour of Indo-China and were due to return today.

Mr. J. Skinner then submitted a proposal to review and wherever necessary revise the fixtures list. He stated that owing to the absence of sufficient fencing at the Navy ground, resulting in the inability to control the crowd during important matches, it was necessary to postpone a number of matches until the required fences, which were at present in the course of erection, were completed.

The temporary loss of the use of this ground as well as those of the Club and South China which were not yet ready for play, necessitated the revision of the fixture list, and it was proposed to postpone the Navy v R.M.B. match scheduled for Saturday according to the case of the 2nd and 3rd Division games, this question of control of crowds did not apply and therefore will be played as per schedule.

Mr. Ma Man-fai, representative of the Kitchener's, then requested that the Kitchener's/Joseph's game, arranged for Sunday, be postponed also on the grounds that Kitchener's team was not complete as yet. He was informed by Mr. Skinner that the selection and registration of his team should have been completed long ago and that the deadline was 20th Sept. for Kitchener's.

The date of the match, and that this was insufficient reason to request a postponement.

Mr. Skinner, therefore, proposed that the game in question be played with the venue of the game, Sookunpo, being designated.

Mr. Ma asked that his request to put to the vote, and on this being done, was defeated 4-2. It was, therefore, decided that the Kitchener v St. Joseph's 1st Division game take place on Sunday, September 27, at Sookunpo instead of at Caroline Hill.

WEEK-END FIXTURES The meeting proceeded with further revision of the fixture list, which is given below.

Saturday, September 26. 1st Division: Kowloon v Club at Sookunpo at 5.15 p.m.; Navy v R.M.B. at 5.15 p.m.; Navy v K.M.B. at 5.15 p.m.; S. China v Sookunpo at 5.15 p.m.

Sunday, September 27. 1st Division: Kitchener v St. Joseph's at Sookunpo at 5.15 p.m.; Police v C.A.A. at 5.15 p.m.; Army v Sling Tao at 5.15 p.m.; 2nd Division: Kowloon v Club at Sookunpo at 5.15 p.m.; Navy v R.M.B. at 5.15 p.m.; Navy v K.M.B. at 5.15 p.m.; S. China v Sookunpo at 5.15 p.m.

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"HANYANG"	Djakarta, Semarang, Sourabaya & Macassar	3 p.m. 20th Sept.
"SIENHANG"	Keelung	5 p.m. 30th Sept.
"PAKHOT"	Tientsin	10 a.m. 1st Oct.
"SZECHUEN"	Singapore, Penang & Belawan	10 a.m. 1st Oct.
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Ship	Leaves	Arrives
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"ASCANIUS"	Liverpool & Glasgow 13th Oct.	14th Oct.
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"AGAPENOR"	Liverpool & Dublin 23rd Oct.	24th Oct.

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Ship	Leaves	Arrives
G. "AGAPENOR"	Liverpool 24th Sept.	Hong Kong 27th Sept.
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G. "TYRREUS"	do 13th Oct.	do 16th Oct.
G. "ASTYANAX"	do 20th Oct.	do 23rd Oct.
G. "ASCANIUS"	do 27th Oct.	do 30th Oct.
G. "BELLEROPHON"	24th Sept.	29th Oct.
G. "MENTOR"	3rd Oct.	7th Nov.
G. "PATROCLOS"	10th Oct.	14th Nov.
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By Order of the Board, LAU TAK HO, Managing Director.

Hongkong, 23rd Sept., 1953.

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Hongkong, September 24, 1953.

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Guam, Hawaii, 6 p.m.

New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 8 p.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, 9 p.m.

Japan, 1 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6 a.m., 6 p.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m. as per above.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

By Air

Siam, Burma, 9 a.m.

Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 11 a.m.

Formosa, Japan, Korea, U.S.A., Canada, 1 p.m.

Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 6 p.m.

Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 8 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6 a.m., 6 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m. train via Canton.

Philippines, 1 p.m., as India Mail.

Indonesia, 1 p.m., as Flamingo.

Siam, 6 p.m., as Flamingo.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Japan, 6 p.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle via Western Airlines), Canada, 6 p.m.

Hawaii, U.S.A., 6 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6.30 p.m., 6 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 6.30 a.m. train via Canton.

Australia, New Zealand, 8 p.m., as Flamingo.

Importance Of Indian Experiment

London, Sept. 22.

Mr. A. Crawley, former Labour member of Parliament, said today that the success of India's experiment in democracy mattered more than almost anything else to the free world.

Mr. Crawley, who undertook a 12,000-mile tour of India by car and made a series of television broadcasts in Britain recently on his impressions, was addressing the Pan India Association.

He said that if India succumbed to Communism, almost three-quarters of the population of the world would have accepted the Communist way of life. The success of India's experiment in democracy on the other hand, would do enormous benefit to the whole cause of civilisation.

The need for help to India in her plans for national development was therefore urgent and there was a general feeling among non-Indians in India that the help she was getting by way of technical advice and otherwise was pathetically small.

Mr. Crawley said that independence in India was functioning extraordinarily well. The public services and the army appeared to have retained their high level of efficiency, the political system had settled down and the election machinery worked well. "People" had a shrewd judgment of men and things and that was a good basis for running elections.

As the most refreshing thing about India today was the great, almost wild freedom of discussion.

The question of unemployment was far and away the most critical problem in India, said Mr. Crawley. If he had one fear, it was that the position caused by unemployment might be more and more exploited by the Communists. Caste also presented a considerable problem in the working of democracy. China Mail Special.

NO-STRIKE BAN TO BE EXTENDED?

Paris, Sept. 23.

Legal experts of the French Government are considering anti-strike measures to prevent a breakdown of the nation's public services in case of renewed labour unrest, in formed political quarters said today.

Ministry of Justice officials are preparing a list of key State employees who will be forbidden to take part in strikes in the future.

They would face court proceedings and administrative sanctions if they failed to report for work.

Under existing laws, such a no-strike ban applies only to policemen.

Other proposals are that all workers should be obliged to give 15 days' notice of their claims before starting a strike, which could only be launched if a majority agreed to it in a secret referendum.

Days not worked during a strike would not be paid.

The proposals are still tentative and the Government is not expected to take them up at Cabinet level for some weeks.

Political quarters did not believe that Parliament would agree at present to such limitations to the right to strike. Reuter.

VOTED WITH RED GROUP

New York, Sept. 23.

It became known today that Sweden, Burma and Indonesia yesterday voted with the five members of the Soviet group in favour of reopening debate in the United Nations General Assembly on the Korean political conference.

The Assembly voted 40 to 8 with 10 abstentions to confirm the recommendation of its Steering Committee that the Soviet request for renewed consideration be rejected.

The abstentions were cast by Afghanistan, Argentina, Egypt, Guatemala, Iraq, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Yemen and Yugoslavia. Reuter.

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Quai d'Orsay Under Fire From Right

Paris, Sept. 23. M Jacques Fougues-Duparc, the French Ambassador in Rome, who leads the French delegation at the "Little Europe" meeting there, has been told to "keep his mouth tight shut" in order to avoid a Government crisis, a Rightwing Radical newspaper, L'Aurore, said today.

In an editorial, L'Aurore said that France should have told its representatives to say frankly that "we are for Europe and against a German Europe". Political Community and its opponents persist as bitterly as ever.

L'Aurore said: "Let us not forget that a United Europe is a French idea. From Robert Schuman who relaunched it, the idea of a United Europe goes back to Aristotle."

"But we are suspicious—and not afraid to proclaim it—of any formula which accepts the rearmament of Germany."

The French Foreign Ministry, the paper said, had declared in its communications that the French delegation in Rome had "definite instructions". L'Aurore commented: "Such optimism fools absolutely no one."

body. Everybody knows that the French Cabinet has been incapable of reaching an agreement and that the conflict between partisans of a European Political Community and its opponents persists as bitterly as ever.

France would only lose prestige at the Rome meeting by preserving a vague and uncertain attitude on the question.

"There is a Frenchman at the conference," the paper said, "but unfortunately, for fear of being disowned by Paris for fear of causing the overthrow of the Government, he must keep his mouth tight shut."

"Others" in our place will take the initiative. Others will have no doubt, will know how to profit from our lack of policy," it added.

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

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Japan, 1 p.m.

By Surface

Macao, 6 a.m., 6 p.m.

Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m. as per above.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

By Air

Siam, Burma, 9 a.m.

Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 11 a.m.

Formosa, Japan, Korea, U.S.A., Canada, 1 p.m.

Indo-China, France, French North and West Africa, 6 p.m.

Burma, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 8 p.m.

By Surface

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Port Labour Industry Problems In Britain: Social Changes' Effect

Problems of the port labour industry were outlined in a paper read to the anthropology section of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, in Liverpool, by Miss Joan Woodward, senior research worker in the Department of Social Science of the Liverpool University.

Miss Woodward, whose paper was entitled "A Study of the Docks Industry," was in charge of a research team which began research in the docks industry in 1949.

The field work, carried out in the early stages at Liverpool and then concentrated on Manchester, occupied a year, and two years have been spent on the task of sorting out the information collected. The results of the research are to be published by the Liverpool University about the end of this year.

Miss Woodward summarized the industry's outstanding problems as follows:

1. Far-reaching social changes of the last decade, and changing social expectations in particular, had divided the loyalty of the once well-integrated dock community.

2. The dock worker's family was once very paternalistic, the position of the father in the family was now changing, and the wife was assuming the more dominant role. This affected the attitudes and self-confidence of the dock worker himself.

3. Despite declassification schemes, dock work had remained an essentially casual occupation. It still offered the dock worker little in the way of permanent or stable relationships with employer or colleagues.

4. The changes in the administrative structure of the industry, through which the dock workers, who were now confused and uncertain as to the relative roles of the employer and the Dock Labour Board.

5. The trade union no longer provided an outlet for the dock worker's frustration and discontent. Having become a powerful organization itself, aggression was now directed against it.

REASONS FOR RESEARCH

Explaining earlier the reasons why the research in the docks industry was undertaken, she said that the Department of Social Science of the university had been interested in the problems of the dock worker ever since the department was first set up in the early 20th century. The work of Eleanor Clarke, in 1912, the first year of the Liverpool Dock Labour Board, was partly responsible for the setting up of the Liverpool register in 1912, the first step towards declassification. Moreover, the department had cut and interpreted what was going on around it.

In 1949, when that work started, there had been three major dock strikes in three successive years, and that posed the problem of why such strikes had been so frequent. The solution of all the problems of the industry, had not produced the expected results. Dealing with the ideas on which the research was based, Miss Woodward said that declassification had involved a complete change in the formal organization of the industry. The National Dock Labour Board had been set up—a piece of administrative machinery which was not only new to the industry, but also was unique, where there had been no counterpart elsewhere. The interesting problem for the industrial sociologists was to discover how the people concerned had reacted to changed conditions, and what had happened to the informal organization, both among employers and among dock workers themselves.

"IMPOSSIBLE TASK"
 Concerning difficulties encountered in entering the field, Miss Woodward remarked that when the department first announced its intention of undertaking the research, the reaction both in the industry and in industrial research and those concerned with the docks' industry was that they were embarking on an impossible task.

Industrial sociologists felt, quite rightly, that the methodical problems would be difficult to overcome and those who knew the industry thought it would be impossible to enter it from outside. The latter point of view was put most emphatically to the research workers.

Employers, it was said, had been subjected to so much criticism from outside bodies that they were resistant to investigation, while dock workers would not tolerate strangers among them. They would be particularly resistant to the women members of the research team, who would be seen only as two things: first, as women, and secondly, as outsiders. It appeared that the docks industry would be more difficult to enter than the most primitive of the communities with which the anthropologist concerned himself.

One of the difficulties envisaged, the research started in a tentative way. A background of the industry was obtained, mostly from the minutes of evidence of the various committees that had been formed to examine its problems. Also, five

exploratory studies were undertaken in Liverpool.

One research worker went into the contents of a casual assistant. Participants observation was used in that stage of a research project. As the last part of the preliminary work, it was decided to move from Liverpool to Manchester. First contact with the Manchester Ship Canal Company revealed a management not afraid of letting difficult problems come to the surface.

The dock workers in both Liverpool and Manchester, said Miss Woodward, were far from being antagonistic to outsiders, and seemed anxious that their position and particular problems should be more fully understood. Because of the interest aroused in Manchester, and because the 1951 strikes took place while the research was in progress, the inquiry developed on a larger scale than was originally intended.

As far as the collection of contemporary data was concerned, the research started with structured interviewing by four research workers. Not only was that useful in collection of classificatory data, but it also gave research workers something definite to do in early stages and brought them in contact with different kinds of people. In that case a sample of one in six of the dock workers, approximately 50 per cent of the foremen, and all the senior supervisors were interviewed.

Interviewing was supplemented by direct observation and a useful technique on both group and individual basis. "We did a lot of non-directive work. We lived for most of the time in a pub opposite the main gateway to the docks, and so you can imagine a lot of the non-directive work was done in there," said Miss Woodward, smiling.

RESISTANT TO CHANGE

She said that experiment was not a useful technique in the docks' industry, for the industry was particularly resistant to change, and initiation of experiments would be very difficult. It was possible to observe the results of changes—those served as a kind of natural experiment.

A vast amount of miscellaneous information was collected, including the wage records of one in six of the dock workers for a complete year. The analysis of all the information had taken longer than the field work. The report was to be presented in two sections—first, the analysis of the pre-strike situation; second, the account of the strikes which took place in Manchester in February, 1951, and in April, 1951.

The first section, she said, was reported in six chapters—the social background of the dock working community, the organization of work, attitudes to management (Manchester Ship Canal Company and the National Dock Labour Board), attitudes to trade unions, wages, and working conditions.

In her remarks concerning the tremendous changes in social life of the dock community since 1949, Miss Woodward said that the improved financial position of dock workers led obviously to increased social aspirations.

Referring to the organization of work on the docks, Miss Woodward said the competition for jobs which occurred in the days of casual employment was perpetuated today. The research group found a "dock control" system inside the dock control. They found a group of men, just under 40 per cent of the total, who were really interested in security of relationships with their colleagues, who attached themselves to permanent family and friends, and who tended to follow the foremen from job to job.

PROBLEM OF RELIGION
 Another group, probably a little larger, consisted of men who valued freedom of choice in jobs more than security, and who were unwilling to build themselves into permanent family and friends. This group, then, was a smaller group, there was a smaller group,

about half the size of the other, but a very important group, who were not successful in getting a job in competition with their fellows, and who were left behind to be allocated to the jobs remaining when the main bulk of the dock workers had gone.

"This really is one of the most serious problems of the industry. In this respect, and left group, there is a potential source of dissatisfaction," said Miss Woodward. "Declassification hasn't really solved the problem of casual employment. The problem is still there. The only difference is that instead of competing for a job they are competing for a good job."

Miss Woodward said that when dock workers at Manchester were asked who they thought their employers were, 10 per cent said the Ship Canal Company, 35 per cent said the Dock Labour Board, 2 per cent said both, one per cent said they were employed by the trade union, and 12 per cent said they really did not know.

Miss Woodward described such confusion and uncertainty as "a dangerous situation in many ways." One dock worker, she said, had remarked: "There are two bosses here. They don't like each other, and we can make a monkey out of both of them."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$400,507. Upon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

Bank	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
East Asia	167		
Union	800		
Underwriters	5,110		
HK Fire	151		
Docks, Etc.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
K. Wharf	80	21	\$50 @ 21.00
Wharf	1,110		
Wharf	81	8,55	\$600 @ 8.00
Land, Etc.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HK Hotel	7,80	7,60	\$500 @ 7.85
HK Land	10		
Utilities	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
Peak Tram	23,10	23,10	\$50 @ 23.10
Peak Tram	42		
Peak Tram	21,10		
Peak Ferry	1,130	100	\$ @ 12.7
C. Light (H)	13,20	40	\$ @ 12.20
C. Light (H)	20	20	\$ @ 12.40
Electric	27,30	27,30	\$ @ 27.30
Telephone	21,00	22,10	\$ @ 21.00
INDUSTRIALS	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
Comet	18,00	18,00	\$ @ 18.00
STOCKS ETC.	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
Watson	23,10	23,10	\$ @ 23.10
L. Crawford	23	650	\$ @ 23.10
COTTONS	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
Textile Corp.	5,85		

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Sept. 23. The tin market was firm with spot rising \$15 to \$20 3/4 per long ton. Three months' tin also went up \$4 1/2 to \$11 1/4. Turnover was 35 tons of which 10 tons were for cash. Prices closed as follows:

Spot tin, buyers	50
Spot tin, sellers	50
Three months' tin	50
Four months' tin	50
Five months' tin	50
Six months' tin	50
Seven months' tin	50
Eight months' tin	50
Nine months' tin	50
Ten months' tin	50
Eleven months' tin	50
Twelve months' tin	50

Exchange Rates

London, Sept. 23. The pound was firm in the local market, and the following rates were quoted:

Country	Rate
U.S. dollar	2.82
Swiss franc	2.00
Indian rupee	15.75
Indo-China piastre	22.50
Indo-China piastre	22.50

Shipowner Returns To Attack

London, Sept. 23.

A prominent British shipowner has returned to the attack on factors raising operating costs and nullifying efforts to improve efficiency.

Sir Ernest Murrant, Chairman of Furness, Withy & Co., says in his statement accompanying the firm's annual report that in many cases the benefits which were expected from the increased speed of modern cargo liners and from costly cargo-handling equipment are not being realized.

A close analysis of one particular trade revealed that a vessel saved at sea through an increased speed of four knots, involving heavy initial capital cost, and higher operating costs, are completely offset by delays in port, he said. Ships met with reductions in labour output, shortage of berthing accommodation where port capacity has not kept full pace with trade expansion, and artificial gang shortages created to provide excessive rates of pay.

Sir Ernest also delivered a fresh broadside on the shipbuilder's increases over original estimated costs. The position was most unsatisfactory and the only remedy appeared to be for shipowners to call a halt in ordering new ships except for bare necessities.

A threat which Sir Ernest might have made but did not, was to take orders for new ships abroad, where German and Japanese builders are making apparently very successful efforts to cut their costs.

The present level of taxation was also one of Sir Ernest's targets. "The continued heavy drain upon resources by taxation brings us each year nearer to the point at which the maintenance will become a practical impossibility."

A striking illustration of the extent to which profits have been eroded by the tax burden is provided by the Ellerman Lines, which provided £14,750,000 for depreciation, deferred repairs and other reserves over the past four years, out of a total revenue of nearly £18 million. In the same period less than \$500,000 was paid out in dividends on privately-owned capital.—China Mail Special.

Sugar Prices In New York

New York, Sept. 23. World No. 4 sugar futures closed unchanged to three points higher with sales of 65 contracts. Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to two points higher with sales of 57 contracts.

Closing prices of futures were as follows:

Contract No. 4 (world)	3.27 bid
Oct. 1953	3.30 nom.
Jan. 1954	3.34 bid
July 1954	3.36
Spot (cents per lb. fob Cuba)	12.30
Contract No. 6	5.82
Nov. 1953	5.70 nom.
March 1954	5.82 nom.
May 1954	5.85 nom.
Sept. 1954	5.73 nom.
Nov. 1954	5.74 nom.
Spot (cents per lb. fob NY ex-dock)	5.92

London Foreign Exchange

City	Rate
New York	2.82 1/2
Montreal	2.82 1/2
Amsterdam	10.81 1/2
Brussels	10.81 1/2
Zurich	12.17 1/2
Copenhagen	12.17 1/2
Stockholm	12.17 1/2
Oslo	12.17 1/2
London Mark	1.00
Blocked Mark	1.00

JAPANESE BONDS

Bond	Rate
A (10 of 1959)	84 1/2
B (10 of 1961)	75 1/2
C (10 of 1963)	123
D (10 of 1964)	105 1/2
E (10 of 1965)	100 1/2
F (Tokyo 5 1/2 of 1965)	83 1/2
G (Tokyo 5 1/2 of 1912)	100 1/2
H (Tokyo 5 1/2 of 1912)	100 1/2

N.Y. Cotton Prices

Cotton	Price
Spot	22.00
Oct. 1953	22.00
Nov. 1953	22.00
Dec. 1953	22.00
Jan. 1954	22.00
Feb. 1954	22.00
Mar. 1954	22.00
Apr. 1954	22.00
May 1954	22.00
June 1954	22.00
July 1954	22.00
Aug. 1954	22.00
Sept. 1954	22.00

Sweden Given A Warning By Industrialists

Stockholm, Sept. 23.

Socialist Sweden must work harder or take a fall in her high living standard.

Her industrialists, giving this warning, say that Sweden is being outpriced at home and in many of her most important export markets by West Germans and other foreigners who, through harder and more effective work, are able to produce more cheaply than she is doing at present.

The industries worst hit by foreign competition are glass and shipping. But even staple exports like timber and pulp are carrying less new days.

Official statistics stress the warnings of Sweden's industrialists, economists and other experts. For example, Sweden's exports in the first half of this year amounted to only 3,473 million crowns' worth, compared with 4,204 million crowns' worth in the same period last year.

The imports were down to 4,000 million crowns this year, compared with 4,067 million crowns in the same period last year. But this still left her with a trade deficit of 530,000,000 crowns this year, compared with only 403,000,000 crowns last year.

The drop is more clearly seen in the reports of many of the big engineering companies. They report lower export sales this year and give the same explanation: "Our quality is first class but our prices are too high."

Some companies have increased their exports, but they are exceptions, and the increase is often only caused by deliveries of goods with a long manufacturing time and ordered a year or more ago when Sweden, like other countries, was enjoying the boom started by the Korean war.

SOCIALISTS BLAMED

Ship-owners, whose earnings from foreign freights have enabled Sweden to balance her foreign payments, account although she imports more than she exports, have given very explicit accounts of their difficulties. They say that the Socialist government's act regulating labour hours on board ships makes effective competition with German, Dutch, Polish and even Russian ships impossible.

As a result of this shorter working hours for seamen legislation, 17 men are needed to man a 900 gross tons Swedish vessel. The crews on German, Dutch and Polish ships of the same tonnage are only about half this number, the Swedish ship-owners say.

At the same time, a compulsory three-watch system on all Swedish ships over 500 tons has entailed more officers for each vessel. They cannot be found, and many ships are sailing with under-qualified crews. The result of these differences is that more and more of Sweden's own ships are being laid up while more and more foreign vessels take over the cargoes which the Swedish ships might have had.

WANT ACTION

Here again, the warnings of the experts are confirmed by official statistics. In the first three months of this year, the latest period for which complete figures are available, the Swedish merchant marine earned 341,000,000 crowns, compared with 440,000,000 crowns in the same period last year. The decrease has continued, although full returns are not yet to hand.

Both the ship-owners and the industrialists are urging the Government to take action. The ship-owners want it to exempt ships up to 1,000 gross tons from the new labour regulations which hit these small ships the hardest.

The industrialists are campaigning for higher tariffs against foreign goods. They say that Sweden's tariffs are much milder than those applied by other countries and urge a reform so that Swedish producers shall not be handicapped. Partly because it is bound by international agreements and it would seem, partly because it fears reprisals, the Socialist Government has taken no action except in the case of British nylon stockings. According to requests from Swedish nylon manufacturers, it has imposed an "anti-dumping" tariff on the hardest.

NOT EFFECTIVE
 This "anti-dumping tariff" has, however, not been effective. It operated against British exporters who sold to Sweden more cheaply than to their own domestic market. Many British "dumpers" have found, however, that if they raise their prices to a level at which the tariff ceases to operate, they can still sell their goods. The result is that Swedish women now buy more of the same type of stockings and that British manufacturers continue to supply about half of the

country's total consumption of nylon stockings. For this reason, the tariff has been strongly criticised in a number of financial and commercial newspapers.

With harder work remaining as the simplest alternative until tariff walls can be raised, the Government is forced to rely on the trade unions in this highly organised country. Since the end of the war, the unions have been consistently helpful and co-operative, giving Sweden one of the most peaceful labour-management relationships in Europe.—China Mail Special.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Extension Of Advance

New York, Sept. 23. Prices on the stock exchange closed fractionally higher today despite a considerable amount of profit-taking in the final hour of trading.

Today's modest advance moved industrial prices to their best levels since September 12. Rail shares as a group met the most realising in the last hour but managed to close a few cents higher. Industrials were the strongest. A few pivots here moved up around a point. Some oil shares also registered good gains.

Today's early advance was an extension of yesterday's sharp upsurge. Several favourable interpretations of the current market situation helped to stay selling.

Of the 1,120 issues traded today 815 closed higher, 266 held unchanged and 239 closed lower. Steel shares dominated the closing. They finished in the No. 1 spot in the most active list with a turnover of 18,700 shares, closing with a gain of 1/2 to \$27 1/2.

Transactions today totalled 1,240,000 shares. Steel shares finished mixed. In oil, Texas Pacific and Land Trust closed with a loss of 1 1/2 points to \$11 1/4.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was at \$2,500,000 and the American Stock Exchange volume was at \$30,000 shares. Dow Jones closing averages:

Index	Value
20 Industrials	262.30
20 Rails	94.20
20 Utilities	95.00
20 Bonds	109.70
40 Bonds	94.20
Comm. future prices index	164.20

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Lost And Found

THE Strand and the streets that run down to the river from it, were Albert's shuffling ground. All day, he roamed their pavements, as a rich man might his estates, proprietorially. At night the silent buildings gave him shelter in their doorways. They did more, the blackened office-buildings: they gave him company of a sort, became his familiars, and he would, mumbling, pass the time of day with their sooty facades.

Sometimes, during office hours, Albert would timidly explore the hallways of buildings that were open and gaze with wonder at the gold-leaf lettered list of tenants and stare amazed at lifts until some commissionaire, jealous or suspicious, chivvied him away.

POLICE POLICE
OCCASIONALLY, as if secured to Albert, the buildings that he entered left out little gifts for him, as if in token of their friendship. Once, for instance, there was a table-knife and a couple of teaspoons, all marked BBC, left as if for Albert to take.

On another day, two dull-looking business envelopes somehow or other got into his hand.

Albert had little use for cutlery and less for business envelopes, but he pocketed the offerings and resumed his wandering.

One day a nervous caretaker, seeing Albert mooning about in the office-block that he cared of, telephoned the police, who came and questioned Albert.

DISCOVERY
THEY took him away to continue their inquiries and whatever he said to them was enough to convince them he meant no harm to the buildings or their occupants.

Unfortunately, in the course of these inquiries, the police went through Albert's pockets and came upon the cutlery and the two business letters, now opened, but with their contents still intact.

"I just found them," Albert said, speaking very slowly.

Next day he was charged at Bow Street with stealing by finding. He pleaded guilty, dark-skinned, a tall man of 28, dark-haired, dreamy-looking, not far from being handsome, and listened while the story was told to Mr. Bertram Reece.

THE PAST
"HE had a good record until 1942," said the officer in charge. "In that year, he joined the Royal Marines, and served until 1945, when he was discharged with his character marked 'fair'."

"After that he says his nerve went, and his troubles started. He had numerous short jobs, and in 1946, at the Sessions, he was sentenced to 12 months for pavilion-breaking and larceny."

There is one other conviction. He was bound over in 1952 for stealing from a dwelling-house.

"What do you want to say about all that?" Mr. Reece asked Albert.

Albert started at hearing his name. "About what?" he asked. And when he was told, he said: "I didn't steal these things, just found 'em, sir."

AND THE FUTURE
"HE thinks his father is alive," he said, but he has no idea where he is. I should say, sir, that this man absconded from one mental hospital in 1950, and from another about a month ago."

"I see," said the magistrate, and turned to Albert. "I think the right approach to your case is to get the doctors to see you. I shall remand you for a medical and mental report."

Albert was led out. There was not much doubt that the doctors would say. They would label and docket Albert and consign him to some place where care would be taken of him; where he would pine for his old freedom, and plan a new escape to his old friends—the silent buildings among whom, as nowhere else, he felt secure.

Alleged Abortion: This Morning's Evidence At Trial

One of the women on whom an abortion had allegedly been performed by the accused continued her testimony before Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes, acting Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, on the third day of the trial of four women, three of them sisters, on charges of using instruments and conspiracy to procure abortions.

The four accused women were Cheung Oi-mei, alias Amy Cheung, 26, married woman, Cheung Siu-huen, alias Betty Cheung, 18, student, Cheung Siu-wah, alias Kathryn Cheung, 17, student, and Cheung Kam, 41, single.

Two other accused, Wong Man-huen, 50, married woman, and Cheung Wun, 50, business man, who were originally charged with the others, were not before the Court, having absconded before they were due to appear to plead at the August Criminal Sessions. They were the parents of the three Cheung girls on trial.

Mr. R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin, appeared for the four accused.

The charges were (a) that the four accused, together with Wong Man-huen and Cheung Wun, allegedly used an instrument or some other unknown means on January 28 to procure a miscarriage; (b) that the same four accused, together with Wong Man-huen and Cheung Wun, on divers dates between September 12, 1951, and May 30, 1953, conspired to procure abortions.

A Jury of six men and one woman was empanelled.

AGREED PRICE
Wong Yik-fan, a young woman, who had told the Court yesterday that a price of \$210, with \$150 as down payment, was agreed between her and the second accused when she went to 494 Nathan Road, ground floor, which was used as a clinic, on January 22.

On January 22, when she called there again, she was taken by second accused to a house in Tsimshatsui where, amongst others, witness also saw Wong Man-huen.

Witness this morning described what took place in the house. She said the first accused used an instrument which was about six inches long and looked like a table knife while third and fourth accused assisted in the operation. After this had been carried out, she was allowed to sleep. The next morning, when she awoke, she informed fourth accused that she had fever and felt pain during the night.

Later Wong Man-huen saw her, and witness told her how she felt. Wong Man-huen left and witness continued sleeping.

The same afternoon, first accused again worked on her. Witness was later given up of medicine and was afterwards told she could leave. She was informed that if she felt any ill effects she could receive treatment at the Nathan Road clinic.

WOMEN TRAILED
On May 29, witness, accompanied by two detectives, sat in a private car opposite 494 Nathan Road. They saw second accused emerge with a woman, and witness pointed the accused out to the detectives. One of them trailed the two women and witness was taken to the Police Headquarters by the other detective.

They stationed themselves similarly on May 30, and again second accused leave the clinic with another woman. They were again followed by one of the detectives. Witness was taken back to Police Headquarters and later in the day went with a European policeman to 22A Auelin Avenue, first floor, where she found Wong Man-huen and all the other accused there.

On June 5, witness was taken to 6 Park Avenue, first floor, and recognised the place as the flat where the operation had been performed on her.

Cross-examined by Mr. Winter, witness said she came to Hongkong after the reoccupation of the Colony and worked for a time as a housewife and then worked for three months in a clinic operated by a friend of her mother's in Shaukiwan. She was at present unemployed. Witness said she had never been to school and knew only a few Chinese characters.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'm afraid my father is about to go bankrupt—I've earned so much baby-sitting I'm no longer a dependent!"

Man Alleges He Was Pummelled At Police Station

In a statement from the dock at his trial on charges of wounding Tse Tung-yau, 33, farmer at the Criminal Sessions this morning alleged that he was put into a room at a Police Station, the lights were turned out and four or five men pummelled him in the dark until he thought it best to make a false confession that he had stabbed a man.

Tse faces a charge of wounding with intent to murder or, alternatively, wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, the Crown case being that he attempted to kill Chan Hak-ka on July 28 by stabbing him with a triangular file in Nam Bui Wai Village, Un Long.

The trial is before Mr. Justice C.W. Reece and a Jury of six men and a woman.

Prosecuting is Mr. D.N.E. Rea, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. Shave.

The case for the Prosecution ended this morning with detectives telling of the arrest of the accused on the night of the stabbing.

Det. Cheung Kwan said the accused led them to the scene to look for the file, which he said he had used. A woman told them that it had been handed over to the Un Long Police post.

Det. Cpl. Yu Yan said that he witnessed a caution statement made by the accused in the village that he had stabbed Chan several times with a triangular file.

ACCUSED'S STORY
Speaking from the dock, the accused said that he had a quarrel with Chan earlier in the evening at the Fook Cheung Shop. Chan was playing cards with Chan Kam and he, the accused, was watching them. He said that Chan Kam had good cards he remarked, "You will definitely win." Chan Hak-ka took offence at this and told him to be silent. They had an argument but did not come to blows.

The master of the shop advised them to stop quarrelling so he returned home to sleep, said the accused, adding that it was about 11.30 p.m.

The next thing he knew was that there was a commotion outside his house, he continued. He looked out and saw two men approaching, one of whom he recognised as the detective Cheung Kwan. The latter accused him of having stabbed Chan Hak-ka, but he denied it, saying he had been sleeping all the time. Nevertheless he was handcuffed and taken to look for the knife. They were led to the scene by the wife of the injured man. When a woman told them the knife had been given to the Police, they returned to the Police Station. On the way a man punched him, saying he was the person who had stabbed his brother to death. This man threatened to beat him to death when he returned if he did not own up.

The accused said that the detective urged him "to confess saying that the wounded man had already accused him. When he continued in his denials they put him into a room, turned out the lights and had several men beat him up."

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